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SUBJECT: 61 ST ECOSOC AGENDA ITEM 18H: REVIEW OF THE MACHINERY OF
THE UN AND OF ITS SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY
CONTROL, INVESTIGATION AND COORDINATION

1. IN ADDITION TO THE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION
BY ECOSOC CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 39 OF THE REPORT OF THE
16TH SESSION OF THE CPC ((A/31/38), THE BELGIAN DELEGATION
(PIERSON) IS NOW INFORMALLY CIRCULATING FOR COMMENT THE
BELOW QUOTED "COMPANION" RESOLUTION CONCERNING A) CONTINUATION
AND STATUS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT; AND B) EVALUATION.

2. ECOSOC DELEGATION REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND
INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS INFORMAL DRAFT RESOLUTION.

" REVIEW OF THE MACHINERY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF ITS SYSTEM
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY CONTROL, INVESTIGATION AND
CO-ORDINATION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING THAT, UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2924
B (XXVII) OF 24 NOVEMBER 1972, THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE JOINT
INSPECTION UNIT ARE TO BE REVIEWED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION,

BEARING IN MIND THE RELEVANT COMMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
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COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION (A/31/75/ADD.1) AND OF THE JOINT

INSPECTION UNIT (A/31/89),
RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3199 (XXVIII) OF
18 DECEMBER 1973 AND 3392 (XXX) OF 20 NOVEMBER 1975 CONCERNING
REVIEW OF THE MACHINERY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT ORGANS
CONCERNED WITH FORMULATING, REVIEWING AND APPROVING PROGRAMMES
AND BUDGETS,

BEARING IN MIND THE PART OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME AND BUDGET MACHINERY DEALING WITH
PROBLEMS OF EVALUATION (A/10117, PARAS. 66-74) AND THE RELEVANT
COMMENTS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND
BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (A/10499, PARA. 2),

RECALLING THE CONCLUSION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE STRUCTURE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM THAT AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF PROGRAMME
BUDGETING IS EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRAMME ACCOMPLISHMENTS (E/AC.62/9, PARA.
131).

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES
WHICH HAVE RECENTLY ADDRESSED THEMSELVES TO QUESTIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY CONTROL, INVESTIGATION AND CO-ORDINATION (A/
31/75/ADD.2),

TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AS RECAST IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2008 (LX) OF 14 MAY 1976, WHICH REQUIRE
THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION TO CONSIDER AND
DEVELOP EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND THEIR USE
IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROGRAMME DESIGN,

BEARING IN MIND THE RELEVANT DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME
AND CO-ORDINATION AT ITS SIXTETH SESSION

EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-
ORDINATION, WITH ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE JOINT INSPECTION
UNIT, CAN ADEQUATELY PERFORM THE NEEDED TASK OF EXTERNAL EVALUATION,

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A. CONTINUATION AND STATUTE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT
RECOMMENDS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
(A) TO MAINTAIN IN OPERATION THE JOINT INSPECTION, WHICH HAS
PLAYED A USEFUL ROLE FROM ITS INCEPTION;

(B) TO ESTABLISH THE STATUTE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT,
STRESSING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNIT AND THE FACT THAT IT IS
INSTITUTED ESSENTIALLY TO ASSIST INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES IN

ASSESSING THE EXECUTION OF PROGRAMMES AND INDEFINING SUCH REFORMS AS THEY CONSIDER NECESSARY;

(C) CONSEQUENTLY TO ADOPT THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT IN ARTICLES 1 TO 27 OF THE DRAFT STATUTE ANNEXED TO ITS REPORT A/31/89, WHICH DEFINE IN PARTICULAR:

THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE DELIBERATIVE BODIES OF THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS;
CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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THE INSPECTORS' POWERS TO INVESTIGATE AND MAKE PROPOSALS;
THE INSPECTORS' INDEPENDENCE;
THE CONDITIONS FOR PREPARATION OF THE UNIT'S WORK PROGRAMME;
THE INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INSPECTORS;
THE TYPES OF REPORTS PREPARED BY THE UNIT AND THE CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION OF APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS;

B. EVALUATION

1. TAKES NOTE OF VARIOUS STUDIES AND EXERCISES IN EVALUATION MADE WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT (A/10035/ADD.1 AND A/31/6/ADD.1);

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO DEVELOP EXPERIMENTAL MODIFICATIONS IN THE EXISTING PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES OF THE SECRETARIAT, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE INTERNAL EVALUATION, AND TO SUBMIT THEM, TOGETHER WITH EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMME EVALUATION REPORTS, TO THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AT ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION;

3. REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION A REPORT, TOGETHER WITH COMMENTS THEREON BY THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT, DESCRIBING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT WHICH WOULD ENABLE IT TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EXTERNAL EVALUATION;

4. RECOMMENDS THAT AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT REQUESTED OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, THE RELEVANT DISCUSSION AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AND THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD CONSIDER DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE METHODS OF EXTERNAL EVALUATION;

5. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITATIVE INTERNAL EVALUATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AS EXECUTING AGENCIES AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN ADMINISTERING OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ASSESS THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SYSTEM."DALE

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